Application No. 10/578,294 Docket No.: 30051/41862

Reply to Office Action dated December 4, 2009

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Method for boiling wort used in the production of beer, with the following steps:

- a) in a wort copper (1), the wort is pumped pumping wort in a wort copper with a pump [[(4)]] through a central pipe of [[in]] a forced circulation circuit (4, 5a, 5, 3), which contains a thin-film distributor [[(3)]] arranged above the central pipe, inner boiler, and boiled with the help of a pipe-bundle inner boiler [[(2)]] boiling the wort and inner area of the pipe bundle inner boiler surrounding and heating the central pipe;
- b) <u>pumping</u> the wort is subsequently pumped into a whirlpool [[(7)]] <u>after</u> boiling the wort in the wort copper;
- c) <u>pumping</u> the wort is subsequently pumped from the whirlpool [[(7)]] [[via]] to the thin-film distributor [[(3)]] of the wort copper via the central pipe; and [[then]]
 - d) cooling the wort cooled.
- 2. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 1, wherein <u>pumping</u> the wort from the whirlpool to the thin-film distributor comprises feeding the wort the wort in step c) is fed into the forced circulation circuit of the wort copper [[(1)]].
- 3. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 1, wherein the inner boiler (2) in step e) is not provided with steam while pumping the wort from the whirlpool to the thin-film distributor.
 - 4. (Canceled)